

HOUSE BILL 1465

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7;  
Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5 and Title 67, relative to  
delinquent taxes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 14, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

**67-4-1412.**

(a) This section applies to any city, town, or county in this state, including any  
county having a metropolitan form of government.

(b) As a preliminary step toward pursuing any remedy available to a city, town,  
or county by law to collect any taxes due or delinquent under an ordinance, resolution, or  
private act imposing a tax on the privilege of occupancy in a hotel, the tax collector for  
the city, town, or county may publish a notice in accordance with subsection (c) that lists  
the names of operators who have failed to collect or remit the tax due or delinquent and  
the amounts of the tax due or delinquent.

(c) Any city, town, or county that elects to publish a notice as authorized by  
subsection (b) shall cause the notice to be inserted, once a week for two (2) consecutive  
weeks in the month of January, in a newspaper of general circulation as defined in § 2-1-  
104 or one (1) or more newspapers published or widely distributed in the city, town, or  
county; provided, that if no newspaper is published in the city, town, or county, the notice  
shall be posted on the courthouse door.

(d) The cost of publication shall be paid by the city, town, or county.

(e) To the extent there is a conflict between this section and any private act, resolution, or ordinance that imposes a tax on the privilege of occupancy in a hotel, this section shall govern. The legislative body of any city or town, by ordinance, or county, by resolution, is authorized to modify the provisions of any ordinance or resolution enacted prior to the effective date of this act that conflict with this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-1402, is amended by adding the following new subsection (c):

(c)

(1) As a preliminary step toward pursuing any remedy available to the authorized collector by law to collect any taxes due or delinquent under an ordinance imposing a tax on the privilege of occupancy in a hotel, the authorized collector may publish a notice in accordance with subdivision (c)(2) that lists the names of operators who have failed to collect or remit the tax due or delinquent and the amounts of the tax due or delinquent.

(2) Any municipality that elects to publish a notice as authorized by subdivision (c)(1) shall cause the notice to be inserted, once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the month of January, in a newspaper of general circulation as defined in § 2-1-104 or one (1) or more newspapers published or widely distributed in the municipality; provided, that if no newspaper is published in the municipality, the notice shall be posted on the courthouse door.

(3) The cost of publication shall be paid by the municipality.

(4) To the extent there is a conflict between this subsection and any ordinance that imposes a tax on the privilege of occupancy in a hotel, this subsection shall govern. The legislative body of any municipality, by ordinance, is authorized to modify the provisions of any ordinance enacted prior to the effective date of this act that conflict with this subsection.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-1410(a), is amended by adding the following at the end of the sentence immediately preceding the period ".":

; provided, that chapter 1, part 17, of this title does not apply to any record, document, or other information pertaining to a tax on the privilege of occupancy in a hotel imposed by a municipality pursuant to this part

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-4-108(a), is amended by adding the following at the end of the sentence immediately preceding the period ".":

; provided, that title 67, chapter 1, part 17, does not apply to any record, document, or other information pertaining to a tax on the privilege of occupancy in a hotel imposed pursuant to this chapter

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-1-1702, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) This part does not apply to any record, document, or other information pertaining to a tax on the privilege of occupancy in a hotel imposed by a city, town, or county pursuant to an ordinance, resolution, or private act.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.